

Infiltration from Bangladesh

522. SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA :
SHRI CHUN CHUN PRASAD YADAV :
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Border gets blurred as Bangladeshis Swamp Assam' appearing in the Sunday Times, dated December 29, 1996;

(b) if so the assessment made about the condition of this porous 260 KM long border along Bangladesh, comprising Dhubri district, a 'gateway' for Bangladesh into Assam, Tripura; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent infiltration from Bangladesh into India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The figures of interception of Bangladeshi nationals in Assam sector by the Border Security Force as given below indicate a declining trend of illegal immigration in this sector :-

Year	Number
1992	2689
1993	1281
1994	1059
1995	1246
1996	791

(c) A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These measures include raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels.

Rehabilitation of Indians from UAE

523. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any rehabilitation programme for

Indians who have returned from UAE has been made recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) According to information made available by Ministry of External Affairs, certain action have been taken to facilitate the UAE returnees to go back to UAE or any other country for immediate employment. These include setting up of special counters in all the Passport Offices in Kerala, Andhra Pradesh etc, to enable these returnees to submit their applications for passports, those who had passports but lost these due to certain reasons and returned on the strength of Emergency Certificates, to issue duplicate passports after verification of their earlier passport details and in case of those who had travelled to UAE without any travel document and travelled back to India on emergency Certificates, to issue fresh passports after police verification. Instructions have also been issued to the Passport Offices to deal with such passport requests of the returnees on expeditious basis.

[Translation]

Creation of separate Chhatisgarh State

524. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Azad Chhatisgarh Fauz has threatened to resort to economic blockade in Raipur, Madhya Pradesh in support of their demand for a separate Chhatisgarh State; and

(b) if so, the approach of the Centre towards the issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The Government have received representations from the Azad Chhatisgarh Fauz in support of their demand for a separate Chhatisgarh State.

(b) The Government is committed to decentralisation and greater devolution of powers to the States, as a consequence of which the benefits of development are expected to percolate down much faster to hitherto underdeveloped regions of the country from where the demands for statehood are emanating.

[English]

Uttar Pradesh Sugarcane (Regulation of Supply and Purchase) Act, 1953

525. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Uttar Pradesh Government have forwarded a proposal to the Union Government for amendment in the Uttar Pradesh Sugarcane (Regulation of Supply and Purchase) Act, 1953 for ensuring uniform implementation of the sugarcane prices as advised by the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Uttar Pradesh Government have proposed to fix remunerative price of cane, by notification.

(c) The proposal is under consideration.

[Translation]

Purchase of Sugarcane

526. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the names of sugar mills purchasing sugarcane at lowest rates and those paying comparatively higher rates;

(b) the reasons, for this imbalance;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to abridge this gap;

(d) the number of non-viable sugar mills, state-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken to improve their capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) In the States of U.P., Haryana, Punjab and Bihar, the price of sugarcane to be paid to the farmers is higher than the statutory Minimum Price fixed by the Central Government. In Maharashtra, uniform ex-field advance price is fixed initially by the Government and the same is paid to the farmers. In the case of Gujarat, the advance price so fixed varies from factory to factory. However, at the end of the season, based on the actual working result and other factors, the final cane price is worked out and paid to the farmers by the factories of these two states. In the State of Karnataka, a minimum cane price is fixed linked to a recovery of 8.5% by the State Government through negotiations with the management of the factories as also the cane growers' associations. However, final cane prices

are negotiated by the factories with cane growers depending upon the profitability of the factory, under the aegis of Directorate of Sugar, Government of Karnataka. The sugarcane price announced is adjusted against the ultimate price payable as per provisions of clause 5(A) of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, i.e., the excess realisation is shared by the factories and the cane growers in the ratio of 50 : 50.

(d) There were sixteen cases of sick sugar mills registered with BIFR as on 31.1.1997, Statewise names of sugar factories is given below :

1. Bihar
 - (1) Champaran Sugar Co. Ltd.
 - (2) HMP Sugar Ltd.
2. Kerala
 - (3) The Travancore Sugars & Chemicals Ltd.
3. Karnataka
 - (4) Salarjung Sugar Wroks
 - (5) Gangavati Sugars Ltd.
4. Madhya Pradesh
 - (6) Jiwaji Rao Sugar Co. Ltd.
5. Punjab
 - (7) Bhagwanpura Sugar Mills Ltd.
6. Rajasthan
 - (8) Mewar Sugar Mills Ltd.
7. Tamil Nadu
 - (9) Cauvery Sugar & Chemicals Ltd.
8. Uttar Pradesh
 - (10) Lakshmi Sugar Mills.
 - (11) Sherwani Sugar Syndicate Ltd.
 - (12) Swadeshi Mining & Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
 - (13) Ghatampur Sugar Co. Ltd.
 - (14) Uttar Pradesh State Sugar Corporation Ltd.
 - (15) Nandganj Sihori Sugar Co. Ltd.
 - (16) Cawnpore Sugar Works Ltd.

(e) The sugar mills have themselves to prepare schemes for rehabilitation/modernisation and get them approved by the Financial institutions. Financial assistance is also available from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at Concessional rate of interest for such rehabilitation/